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Write them a letter to-night. Don't think that the young and gide

Have half the anxious thoughts for you That the old folks have to-day. For the sad old folks at home. With locks fast turning white, Are longing to hear of the absent one-

AN AFFAIR OF HONOR.

A STORY OF FATAL PASSION.

The tragic death some years ago of young Maurits van Grovestyn-'the last of the Grovestyns," as his friends called him-filled New York with wonder and pity. He had been struck and instantly killed by the Chicago Express while crossing the railway tracks at Rahway, whither he had gone to call upon an impecunious and married old college friend.

He had been popular alike with men and women. Unspoiled by his riches, handsome, modest and manly, he had gained an enviable reputation in New York-city of er coupled his name with the favorites of the footlights, nor had affairs of a more serious nature been hinted at. He drank moderately, played only because a man in the swim is sometimes obliged to do so, and his finances were known to be in good order. So no reason for suicide could be pointed out, and the unanimous verdict of the world was, that it had been a frightful accident. The men at the club talked about it in hushed tones that perfect breeding, then forgot him the next week at the Patriarch's Ball. A distant relative inherited ly: his fortune, and in time took his

place in society and at the club. About a year before the accident will never pass your lips. van Grovestyn had met Mrs. Calvin Bicknell at a ball. He had waltzed with her twice, and sat out two race. The stately pride of Spain, with frank eyes and shown to it of the American woman, were can better appreciate pride of birth I ask. I demand your life." blended in her in a way that made than you." her company as heady as Hungarian wine. She was tall and slender, with well-rounded, tapering tently. arms and beautiful hands. She hovering on her cheeks like butter- an unsullied name!" flies alighting on the blushing heart | His voice had suddenly risen and darker reflex of burnished copper.

Clean of life and pure of heart, van Grovestyn worshipped Adele Bicknell from that night. The coarse love affairs of his companions had never attracted him, for road will receive special low rates. all that was ignoble and low, and I, and"-See agents of this company for consequently had never passed the experiences that are commonly held to form the man of the world. She was his first love.

seven years to a rick banker, a prosy His honor, the honor of the child, I will carry out my threat. I swear tyn," he said curtly to the entering and pompous aristocrat, whose everything depended on that. In before the God of Heaven that if servant.

pride of race—he was of Puritan a few moments he resumed: blood was proverbial. Her senior "This secret will be buried far from my house branded with the house.
by fully thirty years, he demanded from the prying eyes of the world. scarlet letter of adultery. of his wife not love, but respect for My son shall live to reverence his Van Grovestyn sat a moment in Four weeks later the Bicknells the great name she bore, and the mother's memory, the memory of deep thought. The full import of sat at the breakfast table. Mr. stately demeanor of a duchess of the mother who trampled his honor this command had not yet dawned Bicknell was perusing the morning the ancient regime. They had one under her feet. Mrs-Bicknell- upon his feverish senses. He rose papers with a preoccupied air. As child, a boy with golden curls and shall forever remain ignorant of the and spoke solemnly : his mother's winsome face. He fact that her disgrace is known to "Will you swear upon your hon- he raised his eyes suddenly and was his father's hope and pride, the me; that knowledge would make or, Mr. Bicknell, that you will be said: heir of his name and fortune, and her unfit to educate her son. And satisfied with my death? That you "This is horrible! Young van

streamed in and blinded her.

They were happy days, those lips, but Bicknell continued coolly: in your hand." days of newborn love. Balmy "Pray keep quiet. I know what "I accept your terms," said van its chilly days and foggy nights. to speak of her in such terms, the faintest indication that it was But in their hearts spring contin- Spare me all that, I beg of you. premeditated must be avoided."

ued to reign. had gone to San Francisco on a will put it to a severe test. qualm at the thought of accepting A blind fury overpowered him c small roadside station, indistinct carriage.

servant had left the dining room lead? his manner suddenly changed.

"Let us go into the library," he said, with a cutting coolness, "I voice: must talk with you to-night. A sudden intuition told him all

confused brain.

ed Bicknell into the library. "Sit down," said the latter. Van with difficulty and narrowly watched the master of the house, who softly stepped to the door, locked remembered his good looks and ed himself in the shadow. Five But I hate you—I hate you and minutes passed. Then Bicknell you shall pay me dearly!" threw away his cigar and said quiet-

"You will give me your word of houor, Mr. van Grovestyn, that what is to be spoken here to-night

"I promise," said the latter, with parched lips. "Very well,"said Bicknell, in the more dances with her in the con- same monotone. "Ever since the servatory. Her brilliant conversa- settlement of my family in this tion had interested him even as her country, the men of our race have Had he not just said that a duel mingling with the shriek of the piquant beauty aroused his admira- been manly, its women pure. No was impossible? He looked in locomotive, her words, spoken tion. She was a Californian, en- breath of scandal has ever touched dowed with all the peculiar grace our name. For over two hundred and witchery of the women of her years we have looked at the world

He paused.

ing little nose and a clever, mock- nell," "his sword hangs over there. And had he not declared that upon longing for lost respect that even ing mouth. Her eyes were of won- My grandfather was wounded in his calmness depended her fate? his love would be able to overdrous green, accentuated by minute the War of 1812, and my brother flecks of gold, and their sparkling died in the Wilderness defending chair. The veins of his temples when all will be made clear to us, iris expanded and contracted con- the Stars and Stripes. I, too, ser- were purplish and swollen, and his she would come to him and say, stantly. These eyes had settled ved through the Civil War. I have eyes gleamed with smouldering pas- "I thank thee, take me now; I am van Grovestyn's fate. They were been true to the traditions of my like the Pacific at twilight, when house. I have honored my wife together and pressed his elbows on The feeling of revulsion left him. the limpid green waters gently and my country; I have never his knees. His self-command was The glow of an ecstatic happiness, rather have a good-sized camel than cradle the aureate rays of the sun. swerved from the path of honor and weakening, and the impulse to such as he had never known, crept a ship. The entire empire of Per-Their lashes were long and silken, duty, and to my son I shall leave strike the pale, handsome face be- into his heart. The vision of the sia has but one vessel, a small

sheen of bronzed gold in its wavy had gone from him and he looked sneer. Then he glanced at the face, so fair, so pure . . locks, and again it showed the still noble, impressive, with flashing picture of his son upon the table. He heard as in a dream her hus eyes and compressed lips. Then he seated himself anew and

continued with forced calmners: "Two weeks ago I discovered me. I did not employ detectives. Seeking homes on the line of this he had a deep-rooted aversion for Nobody knows of this but you and parched lips and throat, he repeat- One month from to night you will

Adele Bicknell had been married weakening and he must be calm. will buy her safety. If you refuse "Call a cab for Mr. van Groves-

wide open. The gleaming light to shield her-in the mad desire to that her husband will dishonor her, repressed it. Bicknell watched her

spring made place for scorching you are going to say. You must Grovestyn, firmly. summer. August came and then forbid me to insult you; you must "Your suicide must have the ap- The Dramatist. September: October passed with defend her, and command me not pearance of an accident. Even One day in early winter-Adele doubt, and I promise you that I ity, afraid that he might falter in

long-delayed visit to her mother "For awhile I thought of chal-continue to live as you have done Mr. Bicknell approached van Gro- lenging you. But what good would heretofore. You understand me? vestyn at the club and invited him that have done? I might kill you, A runaway, a railroad accident— ed judgment on the richness of informally to take dinner at his but my honor would be lost. No yes, a railroad accident will be house that night. His manner was pretext could be found that would safest." pleasant, even politely insistent, keep the truth from the world which At last van Grovestyn underand though van Grovestyn felt a so loves to besmirch fair names." stood. There rose before his eyes

the hospitality of the man whose and he sat silent, his eyes blood- in the shadows of coming night. honor he had stolen, he could find shot and gleaming, his hands nerv- It was freezing sharply and the no valid excuse, and soon found ously grasping the arms of his station was deserted. Far, far himself carried off in his host's chair. Van Grovestyn watched away stretched the gleaming rails, him in silence. He saw no light and in the distance he saw the The dinner was perfect, and Mr. in this long discourse, no thread to flaming headlight of a locomotive Bicknell most amiable. But when guide him in divining this man's and heard the thundering roar of the cigars had been lighted and the intentions. Whither was it all to an approaching train. Pressed

position, and continued in a changed trunk, stood a human creature,

"To preserve his honor a man had his features was lost. The knowledge of it mob. I have battled hard with my rushing on . . . the figure came over him like an icy blast and desire to kill you like a dog."

paralyzed his power of speech. Yes Again van Grovestyn arose to . . . a piercing shriek . . . roystering blades and bragging young profligates. No tales had ever been whispered about him by decorous mammas, rumor had nevmust save her name at any price! a quick stride toward this man, who own face, hideous with the fear of that thing?" This thought stood out clear in his sat glaring at him with eyes of fire. coming death the eyes But once again Bicknell stopped starting out of their sockets with it?" He rose mechanically and follow- him with a commanding gesture, a look of haunting agony, the

and continued: "Keep quiet, for upon that de- showing the gleaming teeth. Across Grovestyn obeyed in silence. The pends her fate, I tell you. Do not the forehead a gash from which taste of his cigar had grown bitter provoke me further, or I, too, should the blood spurted in streams . on his lips and his temples throb- be unable to restrain myself, and . bed. He mastered his emotion then would follow the scandal which the form threw up its hands, and have vanquished my desire to kill appeared in the darkness of night, you for my son's sake. And for leaving the mangled, bleeding night. Society eulogized him and it, turned down the light, and seat- his sake will I spare that woman. corpse beside the tracks.

ulting accent:

world shall never know." "I am prepared to give you sat- insane? Why should he not flee

isfaction," said van Grovestyn firm- the country with her? Why this ly. "Spare her, I beg of you, spare needless sacrifice when they could her, that is all I ask. "I demand your life."

quiringly at Bicknell, who contin- when she had first confessed her ued with a sneering smile.

too dearly paid with the life of a would kill me." It seemed to him the inviting vivacity of southern that patrician pride is compatible gentleman. You say that you are that he looked again into her eyes, blood, and the sparkling intellect with republican principles. No one willing to give me the satisfaction and in their lambent depths he saw

Van Grovestyn remained perfect-

sion. He locked his hands firmly thine forever." By a supreme effort he repressed band's words: "Her future lies the passion raging in his heart; within your power then, suddenly, the horror of what future, her happiness, her life." he was about to say to this man be- And he answered to Bicknell's everything. Pray do not interrupt came plain to him and he wavered. sneering "You hesitate?" But only for a moment. Then, with "It shall be as you command.

He hesitated, then stopped. He "I demand your life, Mauritus dent." found it impossible to pronounce van Grovestyn. I command you to Bicknell went silently to the her lover. He felt his self-control night, for her sake. Your death rang the bell.

you fail to do this, I will send her Van Grovestyn bowed and left

his mother's consolation through for his sake for his sake alone do will never NEVER let her suspect Grovestyn has been killed by a railthe weary days of soulless splendor. I refrain from driving her from my its cause? Will you swear to me way train at Rahway." Love she had never known. The home and chastising you in public. before the God in Heaven, by whom Adele grasped spasmodically at book of life with it ecstacies of bliss Van Grovestyn rose at this in you have sworn, that you will prothe tablecloth. A great cry rose in lay still unopened before her. And suit, with set teeth. For a moment teet her name forever afterward?" her throat but the eyes fell on the now the gates were suddenly thrown he forgot all-prudence, the wish "My wife's lover need not fear golden head of her child, and she

Your personal courage I do not Bicknell spoke with feverish rapidhis plan of revenge. "You must

closely against a tree at the cross Bicknell suddenly changed his ing hidden entirely by its gnarledwatching, listening

must hide his dishonor from the he the train came stepped forward on the track .

the engine shricked again, must be prevented. Listen. I the locomotive rushed on and dis-

mouth drawn in a ghastly grin,

With difficulty he repressed the cry of horror that rose to his lips. And after a few moments he His blood stood still, a cold sweat

"I shall be avenged, but the mastered him. Why should he down the lane. obey this man, who was evidently be so happy far away, where nobody would know the truth? And Van Grovestyn started. His life? suddenly there echoed in his ears, love, in the sunny days of spring: "Surely, a woman's honor is not "If ever my son should know, it

a mute appeal. It was better so. They had ly still. He feft that an explana- tasted the sweets of life, and now Van Grovestyn looked at him in- tion was near at last. Besides he the end had come. She would dreaded another outbreak, knowing weep for him in secret when he "My great-grandfather fell at that neither Bicknell nor he would was dead. Yes, it was better so. had a well shaped head, a charm- Bunker Hill," continued Bick- be able to restrain himself again. She would never know the poignant Bicknell leaned forward in his come. Perhaps, after many years,

fore him rushed through his breast. fate that was in store for him melt- steamer that was built some years He leaned further forward still, his ed away before his eyes, and in its ago. of a tea-rose. Her hair had the he stood erect. All pompousness lips half-opened in a triumphant stead he looked again upon her

her

hear of my death-a railroad acci-

the butler stepped into the pantry

punish this man. He opened his I repeat that her future lies entirely her narrowly for a moment. Then he rose and continued:

> "I must be off to the office. Here, read the particulars yourself."-

> > KNEW A THING OR TWO.

He Was an Amateur Parmer but Was Hot s

The ameteur farmer looked wise. He had tramped or driven over a large portion of the farm, had passthe soil, and had talked on the purchase of some improved machinery. Altogether he was very favorimpressed, and announced that he had about made up his mind to buy the land.

Then he noticed a little pool of bubbling water. "What's that?" he asked, quick-

"A spring," replied the old farmer, "one of the purest and coldest

in this country.' "A cold spring," exclaimed the amateur farmer. 'Yes sir, and as clear as crystal. "Look here!" said the ameteur

farmer, "do I look like a man that can be imposed upon?" "Why, no-" "Would you pick me out for a man who doesn't know his business?

"Why, what's the matter with "Matter with it! Don't you

suppose I read the papers? They kill crops."

"Springs kill crops?" "Cold springs do. You can't foolime, old man, if I do look like a city bred man. A cold spring is worse than a backward spring, according to the Young Farmer's Weekly, and you wouldn't dare to sell me a farm with a backward

spring on it " The old man leaned against a rail fence and didn't know whether to added with an indescribable, ex- trickled down his temples. A laugh or swear as he watched the sickening feeling of revulsion over- amateur farmer stalk haughtily

Elephant on Toast. The young man from the country took his green necktie and his best girl into a resturant on Woodruff avenue, and like some young men when the girls are around he was disposed to be facetious at the

waiter's expense. "Waiter," he said, "bring me a proiled elephant." "Yassir," replied the waiter, per

fectly unmoved. "And waiter, bring it on toast." "Yassir."

for a minute. "Well," said the young man, 'are you going to bring it?"

Then he stood there like a statu

"Yassir." "Why don't you do it, then?" "Orders is, sir, dat we has to git pay in advance for elephants,

sir. Elephants on toast, they am

\$18,000.25; of you take it widout toast, sir, it am only \$18,000, sir." The waiter never smiled, but the girl did, and the young man climb-

-In the sandy lands they would

ed down.

mon, says there are twin brothers in Pennsylvania who look so much alike that they often borrow money of each other without knowing it. -Comments .- "He tried to kiss

-A newspaper of a sort too com-

me." "How impudent!" "But he was interrupted." "How annoying!"-Truth. -Easy of Explanation .- "Tom,

what makes you such a mule? his wife's name in the presence of commit suicide a month from to- door and unlocked it. Then he "Easily accounted for. Are you not my father?"

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